

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Remarks

The claims 1-35 have been amended such that claims 1-22 relate to an optical component rather than just to a laser. Claims 23-34 have been amended to depend on apparatus claim 1. Claim 35 has been amended to depend on method claim 17. Thus all claims 22-38 now depend ultimately on a claim of elected group 1.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney 612-373-6949 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account

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